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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE AUTOMATIC SELECTION
OF PARTIES TO AN ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A REQUESTOR
AND A SATISFIER OF SELECTED REQUIREMENTS

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Honorable Sir:

Preliminary to an examination of the above-identified application for patent, please insert the following claims for consideration in addition to the originally-filed claims:

A' 15. A method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to a transaction between a system-qualified buyer of goods or services and a system-qualified seller of goods or services, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each buyer qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified buyer;

inputting into the computer system a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each seller qualified to serve as a system-qualified seller in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including vendor criteria pertaining to the ability of the seller to deliver goods or services, and vending criteria pertaining to requirements of the